



North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety
Alcohol Law Enforcement Division

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August 27, 2009

The Honorable Marc Basnight
President Pro-Tempore
North Carolina Senate
Legislative Building, Room 2007
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

The Honorable Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Hackney:

The North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division (ALE) is a participant in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the United States Department of Justice and the Department of Treasury. As a result of participation in this program and the support of the Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations, ALE has been able to provide valuable equipment and support to its members in the pursuit of its mission. The items included in this request are needed to enhance the transmission of computer data to save on fuel costs and labor, to retain CALEA accreditation, and to conduct the 2009 Promotional Assessment Center.

As of July 31, 2009, the balance of the Federal Seizure Fund held by ALE was \$654,900.65. Pursuant to Section 16.2 of the 2009 Appropriations Act, ALE hereby reports its intent to utilize \$286,457.96 in Federal Seizure funds as detailed on the following pages. The remaining balance available after these expenditures will be \$368,442.69.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reuben F. Young".

Reuben F. Young
Secretary

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ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
<p><u>Wireless Air Cards for Field Agents and Blackberry Phones for Supervisors:</u></p> <p><i>First year equipment and service: \$69,296.68</i> <i>Annual recurring \$58,865.64 x 2 years: \$117,731.28</i></p> <p>With the implementation of a new Case Records management (CRM) system, ALE has enjoyed increased efficiency by affording field agents the ability to remotely connect to the system and download their work for offline access. By issuing a wireless air cards, ALE will be able to allow agents to further extend their range from District Offices or urban areas in search of a wireless hot spot. This increased range will result in instantaneous transfer of critical information, such as reports, investigations and inspections, access to work e-mail and Internet-based information repositories. In addition to the benefits of information transfer, agents will spend more time in their assigned work areas and less time traveling to pick up work, saving work hours, fuel costs, and vehicle wear, while at the same time increasing work process efficiency. Also, the new AOC warrant system, NCAWARE, requires Internet access to prepare, serve and query NC warrants. The loss of efficiency an agent would suffer in having to travel to access the Internet would be highly detrimental to the process. Finally, as the vehicle radio modems used to access CJIN and DCI resources begin to fail, that service can be seamlessly ported over to run on the wireless air card, thus resulting in costs savings by not replacing the vehicle modems.</p> <p>As crucial as it is to ensure agents spend as much time as possible in the field, it is also important for supervisors to supervise and support their subordinates in the field as well as establish and cultivate working relationships with local agency heads. Providing supervisors with Blackberry smart phones would allow them to break the tether that holds them to their offices by being responsive to phone calls and e-mails while in the field, affording them the opportunity to spend more time with their agents and the public.</p>	<p>\$187,027.96</p>
<p><u>Replacement MDTs:</u></p> <p><i>\$4,520.00 x 20: \$90,400.00</i></p> <p>ALE is now at a point where many of the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) laptop computers are in dire need of replacement due to age and needed repairs. Attempting to repair existing units would be an exercise in futility, as many parts are obsolete and prohibitively expensive. Even with repairs and upgrades the old units would lag far behind current industry standards and work would be slow and inefficient. Replacement of the outdated and failing laptops is essential to ensure agents have reliable, dependable access to the law enforcement network and related applications.</p>	<p>\$90,400.00</p>

<p><u>Accreditation:</u> <i>2009-2010 Annual Fees: \$4,030.00</i></p> <p>Involvement in the CALEA accreditation process provides the tools necessary to advance the professionalism and operational success of the ALE Division by establishing comprehensive written directives, reports and analyses that enable management to make informed decisions, and cutting edge preparedness programs. Adherence to these standards ensures that each employee receives training and equipment necessary to perform his or her duties consistently, effectively, and with a focus on safety and integrity. The process functions to improve relationships with members of the community, strengthen the agency's accountability, and limit liability and risk exposure for litigation purposes. A study of liability rate comparisons over an eight-year period clearly showed that the accredited agencies performed up to 60.3% better than the non-accredited agencies. When the national data from non-accredited departments is compared with accredited departments, it evidences a 16% reduction in frequency and a 35% reduction in severity of liability claims in favor of the accredited departments.</p>	<p>\$4,030.00</p>
<p><u>Promotional Process:</u> <i>2009 Assessment Center: \$5,000.00</i></p> <p>The ALE Division conducts an internal promotional process that results in a time-limited list of promotional candidates who have demonstrated that they possess and exhibit the knowledge, skills, and abilities critical to serving the Division's advanced roles. A new process, consisting of benchmark performance criteria, assessment center activities, and oral interviews, is necessary at this time to provide fair and equitable promotional advancement opportunities to eligible ALE personnel. Qualified candidates who successfully complete the process would be eligible to accept supervisory and leadership roles with the Division for the next two years.</p>	<p>\$5,000.00</p>
<p>GRAND TOTAL:</p>	<p>\$286,457.96</p>